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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 0004

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, TC

SUBJ: ABU DHABI IMPLEMENTATION VIENNA OPEC DECISIONS

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM OTAIBA HAS BEEN ALMOST CONTINUALLY ABSENT PAST MONTH (HE HAS NOW GONE OFF WITH SHAIKH ZAYID TO INDIA) AND WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO SEE HIM WITH RESPECT TO ABU DHABI INTENTIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF VIENNA OPEC RECOMMENDATIONS. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WE HAD AT SOCIAL FUNCTION WITH PETROLEUM UNDER SECRETARY ISMAIL HE INDICATED THAT WHILE MATTER WAS STILL UP IN AIR IT WAS HOPE OF GOVEBFMENT HBIVT TO APPLY DECISION IN MANNER WHICH WOULD NOT RESULT IN INCREASE IN AVERAGE GOVERNMENT TAKE BEYOND THAT RESULTING FROM ABU DHABI CONFERENCE FORMULA. ISMAIL EXPRESSED CONCERN, HOWEVER, AT REPORTED KUWAITI DECISION TO APPLY VIENNA RECOMMENDATIONS IN MANNER WHICH WOULD RESULT IN INCREASE IN EOVERNMENT TAQR, AND IMPLIED THAT, AS USUAL, THIS WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR ABU DHABI TO ACCEPT ANYTHING LESS. WE WILL TRY TO GET MORE PRECISE READING WHEN OTAIBA GETS BACK FROM HIS TRAVELS.

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